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VIA FOIA ONLINE

September 29, 2020

Office of the Chief Financial Officer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue 2710A
Washington, D.C. 20460

Re: Request for Documents Under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, the undersigned respectfully requests the prompt release of the information specified below.

Request: All communications from 2001 to the present between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and U.S. Government Accountability Office related to the Navy’s supervision and oversight of its contractors performing remediation of radiological or environmental contamination.

Records Claimed as Exempt: Should the EPA respond by invoking a FOIA exemption with respect to any of the records requested herein, please include in your response: (1) basic factual material about the withheld item, including author/originator, date created/revised, length, general subject matter, and location; and (2) explanation(s) and justification(s) for withholding of the record, including identification of the claimed exemption and a full explanation of the applicability of the claimed exemption to the requested record. Where only a portion of a record is exempt from disclosure, please redact the exempt portion, provide the information requested above regarding the exempt material, and provide the remainder of the record. If you deny any part of this request, please cite each specific reason that you think justifies your refusal to release the information. Please notify the undersigned of appeal procedures available under the law.

Record Delivery: We would appreciate receiving the above information as soon as possible, but no later than 20 working days from the receipt of this request as required by the statute. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(A). If EPA determines that it cannot satisfy this FOIA request within the required 20 working days, please set forth in detail what “unusual circumstances” exist for the delay, and please specify the earliest practicable

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date for responding to this FOIA request. 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). We ask that you please produce the requested documents as soon as practicable and, if necessary, in a piecemeal fashion. The contact information for this request is, as follows:

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We look forward to your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Wickersham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Matt" being more prominent than the last name "Wickersham".

Matt Wickersham